sion equivalent of other retirement benefits shall be deducted therefrom as provided in Sub-rule (5) of Rule 39 of the CCS (Leave) Rules.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to review the said orders as these have been issued strictly in accordance with the Award given by the Board of Arbitration.

Non-collection of details in form 2-A

*250. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1231 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th March, 1993 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not collected details in Form-2A to compile the list of formulations where Prices have risen more than 100 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are thousands drug formulations where prices have risen more than 100 per cent after 1987; and

(c) what are the names of the formulatons, their pack sizes, Prices in 1987 and prices at present where more than 100 per cent increase has taken place.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c)

Form 2A pertains to formulations outside price control and compliance by drug manufacturers in this regard is not satisfactory. The total number of formulations outside price control in various dosage forms and pack sizes, runs into thousands, and as already mentioned, the increase of more than 100 per cent, over the prices prevailing at the time of Commencement of DPCO, 87, has been there in 12-13 per cent cases only as revealed in a sample analysis. The increase of 100 per cent in a period of around 6 years does not appear to be unreasonable in such a small proportion of the cases in view of various factors such as general inflation in the economy, exchange rate adjustment of rupee vis-a-vis major foreign currencies, full convertibility of rupee on trade account, etc. Moreover, the profitability of most of the drug companies has been below the limits prescribed in the Vth Schedule to DPCO 1987.

रोहतांग दर्रे में सुरंग का निर्माण

*251. **श्री महेश्वरी सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में रोहतांग दर्रे में प्रस्तावित सुरंग के निर्माण-कार्य की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है;

(ख) इस सुरंग के निर्माण संबंधी घोषणा कब की गई थी और इसके निर्माण का कार्य किस प्राधिकारी को सौंपा गया था;

(ग) इसका सर्वेक्षण-कार्य कब आरंभ हुआ और इसे कब पूरा किया गया;

(घ) क्या सरकार को व्यवहार्यता संबंधी प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त हो गया है, और क्या निर्माण-कार्य पहले ही आरंभ हो चुका है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त निर्माण-कार्य पर अब तक कितनी राशि खर्च की गई है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ङ) मैसर्स राइट्स को मई, 1990 में रोहतांग में एक सुरंग के निर्माण की सम्भाव्यता के अध्ययन का काम सौंपा गया था। उन्हें यह काम तीन चरणों में पूरा करना था। पहले चरण का काम जून, 1990 में शुरू किया गया और उसकी रिपोर्ट वर्ष 1993-94 के अन्त तक तैयार किए जाने की आशा है। इसके बाद दूसरे चरण और तीसरे चरण का काम शुरू किया जाएगा। इस संबंध में अन्तिम रिपोर्ट प्राप्त होने पर ही प्रस्तावित सुरंग के निर्माण के बारे में निर्णय लिया

जाएगा। सुरंग के निर्माण की सम्भाव्यता के अध्ययन पर 1.55 करोड़ रुपए का अनुमानित खर्च आएगा। इसके अलावा सुरंग के मुख्य द्वार तक पहुंचने के लिए सड़क के निर्माण में और इस सुरंग के लिए जगह-जगह बोरिंग करने के लिए आने-जाने का रास्ता बनाने पर 3.09 करोड़ रुपए खर्च हो चुके हैं।

Report of Austerity Committee of N.D.C.

*252. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Austerity Committee of the National Development Council has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, main recommendations of the Committee;

(c) the recommendations Government have accepted; and

(d) the action being taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The NDC Committee on Austerity already submitted its Report to the Chairman of the National Development Council.

(b) The recommendations of the Committee contained in Chapter V of the Report are annexed as Statement (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The National Development Council at its meeting held on 5.4.1993 considered the Report of the NDC Committee on Austerity. There was general endorsement of the recommendations of the NDC Committee. It was however, felt that there was a need for wider consultation. It was also decided that this exercise could be undertaken by the Planning Commission. The Council further decided to set up NDC Committee on Power to examine, *inter alia*, measures to make SEBs economically viable by recasting tariffs, improving efficiency and considering delinking of distribution from generation. The Planning Commission has initiated discussions with the political parties and the trade unions for wider consultation. The setting up of the NDC Committee on Power is in progress.

Statement

CHAPTER V

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Eighth Plan envisages a total public sector outlay of Rs. 434,100 crores in 991-92 prices. The outlay of the States as been fixed at Rs. 179,985 crores. In 991-92, latest estimates show that the balance from current revenue of States alone was (—) Rs. 2940 crores. A substantial improvement in BCR amounting to almost an annual average of Rs. 7000 crores for the Centre and States taken together in the Eighth Plan is required. This will be possible only if determined efforts are made by the Centre and States to raise resources an cut expenditures. In this task both the Centre and the States have to work together and it is necessary to ensure that the policies pursued by the Centre do not in any way come in the way of the State either raising the necessary resources or cutting their expenditures. In this context, particular reference must be made to the need for pursuing same policies by the Centre and the States on the revision of pay scales and D.A. The Special Category States, in view of their special financial and other problems may not be able to fulfil strictly all the recommendations of the Committee. However, they should abide by the sprit of the recommendations of the Committee which are given below:—

(i) There is a paramount need to bring down the ratio of non-Plan revenue expenditure to total revenues of States. From the base year all States should bring down this ratio on an average by 5 percentage points during the Eighth Plan period. Such a reduction is implict in the plan size of States already agreed to with the Planning Commission. Special Category States